

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A cooking apparatus and methods of forming are provided. The cooking apparatus has a cooking surface, a sidewall depending from the cooking surface, and a handle is provided. The handle has a saddle portion and a gripping portion. The saddle portion includes a first opening defined therethrough and a first recess defined about the first opening. The saddle portion is adjacent the sidewall so that the first recess defines a first gap between the sidewall and the saddle portion. A first rivet secures the handle to the sidewall. The rivet has a first weldament in the first gap, a first shaft in the first opening, and a first head abutting the handle and covering the first opening.